THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) The number of complaints received against retail outlet dealers and LPG distributors during the last three years is given below:—

Year	Number of Complaints received against	
	Retail Outlet Dealers	LPG Distributors
1992-93	216	6797
1993-94	154	5399
1994-95	119	6453

In proven cases of malpractices, actions such as warning, suspension of sales and supplies, termination of dealership/ distributor-ship, etc. were taken under the marketing Dist. Discipline Guidelines against the errant dealers/distributors.

As Public Distribution System is controlled by the State Government, the information regarding the complaints received against the PDS owners is not maintained, by this Ministry.

(c) The MS/HSD Control Order, 1990 and the Marketing Discipline Guidelines are in operation for curbing adulteration/ malpractices in retail outlets. Density checks, filter paper tests and furfural doping tests are carried out to check adulteration. Surprise inspection are made by mobile laboratories.

For retail outlets as well as LPG distributor-ships, regular and surprise inspections are made by field officers of the Oil Companies and State Authorities.

In proven cases of malpractices, punitive action is taken including termination of dealer-ship/distributor-ship under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

Conversion of rail lines

2564. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress made so far about the conversion of rail lines into broad-gauge on (i) Solapur-Bijapur, (ii) Miraj-Latur (ii) Daund-Baramati and (iv) Gondia-Chanda Fort, indicating the present stage of implementation, the time by which each one is likely to be completed and the reasons for the delay; and

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon and the availability of funds therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) The progress made so far, the targetted date for completion and reasons for delay of the following gauge conversion projects are as under:—

	Name of the Project	Progress upto 31.12.94	Targetted date for Completion	Reasons for Delay
1.	Solapur-Bijapur	Work which was included in Budget for 1993-94, could not be taken up for want of approval of the Planning Commission. Planning Commission's approval has been received only on 08-03-95. Preliminary arrangements for taking up the work are being made		
2.	Miraj-Latur	Planning Commission's approval has been received only on 08-02-1995. Preliminary arrangements for taking up the work are on hand		
3.	Daund-Baramati	Completed and opened to traffic		
4.	*Gondia-Chanda Fort*			
	(i) Gondia-Wadsa	Completed		
	(ii) Wadsa-Chanda Fort	11%	1996-97	—

(b) The anticipated expenditure upto 31.3.95 and the outlay provided for these projects during 1995-96 are as under:—

Name of the Project	Anticipated expenditure upto 31.3.95	Outlay provided for 1995-96
1. Solapur-Bijapur	Rs. 0.001 crore	Rs. 5.00 crores
2. Miraj-Latur	Rs. 2.25 crores	Rs. 10.00 crores
3. Daund-Baramati	Rs. 16.16 crores	Rs. 0.52 crores
4. Gondia-Chanda Fort	Rs. 79.10 crores	Rs. 34.00 crores

Direct train link from Delhi to Kotdwara

2565. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 222 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 1994 and state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide direct rail link to the hill districts of Uttar Pradesh from Delhi/New Delhi;

(b) whether Government are aware of the invonvenience being caused to the people of these districts for want of a direct rail link to Delhi/New Delhi;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is not direct rail link between Delhi/New Delhi and Kotdwara, resulting in a lot of inconvenience to the people of that region;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to provide a direct rail link between Delhi-New Delhi and Kotdwara in the near future; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) A direct train is already available between Delhi and Kathgodam. Besides, through Coaches are also available between Delhi & Ramnagar and Delhi & Kotdwara. There is no proposal at present to introduce any new direct train from Delhi to Kotdwara or Ramnagar.

(b) The existing services are by and large considered to be adequate to cater to the traffic needs of the passengeres travelling to/from Hill Districts of Uttar Pradesh.

(c) There is no direct rail link between Delhi/New Delhi and Kotdwara. However, 5 through Coaches (1 First-cum-Second, 2 Sleeper and 2 ordinary II Class) are available between Delhi and Kotdwara by 4041/4042 Mussoorie Express and 1 KN/8KN Passengers with detaching/attaching at Najibabad.

(d) and (e) The above arrangement is considered adequate for the traffic offering. However, introduction of a direct train between Delhi and Kotdwara is presently not feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

Completion of railway projects

2566. SHRI JOYANTA ROY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the names of the projects for doubling of Railway tracks, electrification, commissioning of new railway tracks, etc. in the States of West Bengal, Maharashtra, Bihar, Karnataka, Gujarat and Andhra pradesh which are going to be completed during 8th Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) :

Details of Completion of Railway Projects are given below:—